



## **Dinner for Hospitality Apartment Residents Thursday, October 12**

Give the gift of a couple of hours of your time and talents for our Annual Fall Dinner for the residents of the Hospitality Apartments! ([hospitalityapartments.org](http://hospitalityapartments.org)) Mark your calendar for **Thursday, October 12 at 6:00 p.m.** Please join us to provide a pot-luck dish, help serve dinner, and enjoy fellowship with others. Invite friends and family to join in! The Hospitality Apartments are located at 7300 Bertner, 7 blocks south of MD Anderson, off of Holcombe. Meet us there, or carpool with us from the church parking lot at 5:00 p.m. We will arrive at 5:15 p.m. to set up. If you have questions, please contact Julie Giam at [juliegiam005@gmail.com](mailto:juliegiam005@gmail.com) or 713-443-4196, or Janice Stuff at [jestuff@pdq.net](mailto:jestuff@pdq.net) or 713-516-5748.

## **"Prayer for Healing from the 'Storms'" and Dinner**

**Saturday, October 14, 6:00 p.m.**

Six weeks after Hurricane Harvey we invite all who were affected by the floods to gather at the Contemplative Worship on **Saturday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. for Healing Liturgy and Blessing.** After worship all are invited for dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please rsvp with your number of attendees to [ctk@ckelc.org](mailto:ctk@ckelc.org) to help staff prepare. On Sunday, October 15, healing blessing with laying on of hands will be part of the morning liturgies.

## **Reformation Market**

We have a booth set up in the narthex selling all kinds of Lutheran merchandise. We have "Here I Stand" socks, t-shirts, travel coffee mugs, and bags. All proceeds go to help the synod's hunger appeal to raise \$500,000 by October 31.

## **Interfaith Prayer Vigil: Supporting Our Immigrant Neighbors October 10, 7 - 9:00 p.m.**

Texas Impact and Bering Memorial United Methodist Church are co-hosting a vigil to pray for and stand in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors. After the vigil, there will be education and advocacy break-out sessions. The CTK Justice Advocacy Ministry Team invites you to join us at Bering Memorial United Methodist Church, 1440 Harold St.

## **Joint Lutheran-Catholic Prayer Service Wednesday, October 25, 7:30 p.m., at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway**

We will join with our Catholic brothers and sisters in a commemoration of the Reformation in 1517 in a prayer service with Cardinal DiNardo and our own Bishop Michael Rinehart as presiders. Praying in a spirit of confession and repentance we remember our baptism with thanksgiving. All Wednesday night attendees including choirs are invited.

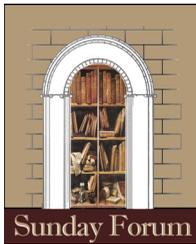
## **New Senior Pastor**

The Reverend Dr. Duane Larson has accepted the call to serve as senior pastor at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Find his letter of gratitude in the October King's Banner on page 2. The installation service will be on November 26 at 4:00 p.m.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
**AT CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m.

### **October 8: The Books Lutherans use to Sing**

Since the time of the Reformation, Lutherans have sung! Cantor Rick Erickson presents hymns and chorales Lutheran immigrants

brought to America with a focus on the last 100+ years, as Lutherans have moved toward one book for one people.

### **Welcoming the Stranger in Contemporary America:**

### **Recent Developments in US Refugee Policy October 15 and 22**

#### **October 15 — The Travel Ban Appeal**

On October 10, the United States Supreme Court was scheduled to hear arguments in *Trump v. International Refugee Assistance Project*, the so-called “travel ban” appeal. But on September 24, the President announced a revised travel ban and the Supreme Court cancelled the arguments (for the time being), calling into question the ultimate resolution of one of the most contentious public questions of 2017. Russell Post, an appellate lawyer and Christ the King Church member, will review the arguments, explain the current status of the litigation, explore some aspects of the litigation that are not prominently featured in the mainstream media, and consider the implications of the Supreme Court’s decision.

#### **October 22 — Refugee resettlement in Houston**

Changes in U.S. resettlement policy have a significant impact on refugees both near their home countries and in Houston, which has welcomed more refugees than any other U.S. city for several years. Members of the staff of Refugee Services of Texas—the local affiliate of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services—will discuss the refugee experience and the resettlement process. Speakers will include Jacqueline Mercilliot, RST’s Houston area director, and Bekhal Saeed, a refugee and RST support specialist. Christ the King Church member Bill Mintz, a member of the RST board, will moderate the discussion.

**October 29 — Questions and Answers with Bishop Mike Rinehart.** The bishop will also be preaching at both Sunday services.

### **Wednesdays at Church**

Music classes for children,

5:45, 6:00 and 6:15 p.m.

Confirmation class, 6 p.m., second floor

Love Your Neighbour discussion group,

5:45 p.m., nave

Resilient Reformer, book study,

6:15 p.m., third floor

Vespers, 7:05 p.m., nave

### **Friday Morning Bible Study**

All are invited. We gather after 10:00 a.m. for snacks and fellowship in the narthex. Bible Study and prayer begin at 10:30, and we finish approximately 11:40 a.m.

Friday Morning Bible Study is an opportunity to enrich life in preparation for the Sunday assemblies. We read the texts assigned for the Sunday liturgy and prepare ourselves for the encounter with the living Lord who promises to be with us in word and sacrament.

### **2018 ELCA Youth Gathering June 27 – July 1, 2018**

Youth have a great opportunity to participate in the ELCA Youth Gathering this summer in Houston. Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. We hope to bring a group of our youth to participate this summer in this great event. If you are interested in attending, **RSVP to Ben Rimmert no later than November 1 with a \$200 deposit.**

**Special Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, October 22  
12:15 p.m.**

## Reformation Fair

**October 21, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Travel back five hundred years in one day. At the Christ the King Church Reformation Fair, you will experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of life during the time of Martin Luther. This special event is designed for people of all ages, so bring the whole family to take a step back in time. You may not live in sixteenth-century Germany, but on October 21 you can walk in the footsteps of Martin Luther through interactive booths. Your whole family will enjoy the games, activities, crafts, and food of the Reformation and learn how the world changed forever. We'll add a few contemporary seasonal activities like pumpkin carving as well. RSVP by Wednesday, October 18. For more information, please contact Ben Remmert, [benremmert@ctkelc.org](mailto:benremmert@ctkelc.org) or Marie Monroe, [marie4118@gmail.com](mailto:marie4118@gmail.com).

## Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church Foundation Grant Request

The Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church Foundation board of directors has determined that, in light of the damage to the church property caused by Hurricane Harvey, the Foundation will invite a grant request from the Congregation Council to support the basement restoration efforts. Because of these extenuating circumstances, the Board will not entertain any other new grant requests for 2018.

## October - Domestic Violence Awareness Month

For more information see the October Banner. Pastor Larson, Pastor Liebster, Beverly Davis, Director of Congregational Care, Ben Remmert, Director Of Youth and Families and Linda Schoene, Congregational Nurse are available for conversation if you or someone you know is the victim of domestic violence.

# SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

## St. Luke the Physician Day

We will celebrate St. Luke the Physician day (October 18) in our worship.

The service will include a rite of healing/laying on of hands.

## Presentation of the Confirmation Class

The Confirmation Class will be presented to the congregation at the **8:30 a.m. service**. The students will lead, read, pray, usher, ring bells and assist the Altar Guild.

## Bread for the World Sunday Offering of Letters

*Gather in the courtyard after both service and write letters. Sample letters and writing materials will be provided.*

We join people of faith across the country in praying for those who struggle with hunger - and in rededicating ourselves to efforts that help end hunger. Our prayerful work to end hunger is a response to the Gospel's invitation to take part in the banquet of God's mercy and abundance that is ours through Jesus Christ (Matthew 22:1-14).

Our prayers and our actions are especially urgent at this time. South Sudan is suffering from a devastating famine, and famine threatens Nigeria, Somalia, and Yemen. In the United States, the president and Congress are making budget decisions that could make life even harder for the one in eight families struggling to get enough to eat.

In response to these urgent needs, we join the many other churches involved in Bread for the World. Working together, we are helping persuade our nation's leaders to get our country and the world on track toward the goal of ending hunger by 2030.

## Reformation 500 Hymn Fest 6:00 p.m.

Lutherans LOVE to sing, and what better way to celebrate Reformation 500 than a hymn festival!

Join in the celebration of a history of song as Rick Erickson leads in a joyous hymn sing! Hymns from around the world have grown from the time of the Reformation, creating a massive body of song that is used and loved by Christians throughout the world.

**We celebrate with these members and friends who are remembering their baptism this week:**

Sandra Fenner    Renate Brink    Liam Mork  
Phil Dahlberg

**Sunday, October 8** Reformation Market  
8:30 a.m.    Worship, Reformation 500 Setting, nave  
9:45 a.m.    Sunday Forum  
9:45 a.m.    Sunday School  
10:50 a.m.    Worship Reformation 500 Setting, nave  
12:30 p.m.    Luther League

**Monday, October 9**  
Church Office Closed  
8:15 a.m.    Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
5:00 p.m.    Mourner's Path

**Tuesday, October 10**  
8:15 a.m.    Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
7:30 p.m.    Congregation Council, council room

**Wednesday, October 11**  
8:15 a.m.    Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
5:45 p.m.    Music Explorers  
5:45 p.m.    Love Your Neighbour, nave  
6:00 p.m.    Confirmation, council room  
6:00 p.m.    Choristers, narthex  
6:15 p.m.    Jr. Choristers  
6:15 p.m.    Resilient Reformer, 3rd floor  
6:15 p.m.    Brass Choir, parish hall  
7:00 p.m.    Evening Vespers, nave  
7:30 p.m.    Church Choir, nave  
7:30 p.m.    Chorus, parish hall

**Thursday, October 12**  
8:15 a.m.    Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
10:00 a.m.    Piecemakers, 3rd floor  
6:00 p.m.    Dinner at Hospitality Apartments

**Friday, October 13**  
8:15 a.m.    Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
9:00 a.m.    Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor  
10:00 a.m.    Friday Morning Bible Study, narthex

**Saturday, October 14**  
6:00 p.m.    Prayer for Healing from the Storms and Dinner, nave

**Sunday, October 15** Reformation Market  
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10:50 a.m.    Worship, Reformation 500 Setting and rite of healing/laying on of hands, nave  
6:00 p.m.    Luther League  
6:00 p.m.    Hymn Sing, nave

**Church office will be closed Tuesday, October 17**

The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Interim Pastor  
The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation  
Deacon Ben Remmert, Director of Youth and Family Ministry  
Beverly Davis, Director of Congregational Care  
Linda Schoene, Congregational Nurse  
Deacon Rick Erickson, Cantor, Director of Bach Society Houston  
Brian Gilkes, Music Associate Robert Walp, Brass Choir Director  
Noelle Jung, Church Business Administrator

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Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



The mission offering is collected at the church doors at the end of worship.

## Who We Are - Disaster Response

When everything seems to be falling apart around you, Upbring is there to help you keep standing. Serving Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma, Upbring Disaster Response assists families and communities in the aftermath of natural disasters like tornadoes, hurricanes, floods or wildfires.

## How We Help

We are not first responders, but committed neighbors who will stay with you until you're back on your feet. We offer financial assistance for basic needs in the short term and case management and spiritual care over the longer term to individuals and families, and we work continually to ensure we are ready to meet the needs of our communities if and when disaster strikes.

Preparedness                      Volunteer Coordination  
Emergency Hardship Grants    Repair & Rebuild  
Emotional and Spiritual Care    Assistance  
Disaster Case Management

## Who We Are - Helping Children Thrive

At Upbring, we're changemakers determined to create a world where all children are cherished. We understand that breaking the cycle of child abuse means more than removing children from harmful situations and providing clothing, food and shelter. Because when the cycle is broken, it means children get to live every moment of every day with every inch of their whole hearts. So you've got to help children heal physically, emotionally and spiritually. Upbring does this.

We've been helping children thrive for more than 135 years, and we're not stopping. We have an opportunity to shape not only the way we deliver our programs and services, but shape the way Texas treats children. We have Faith in Every Future.